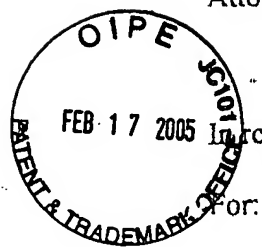


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For:

System and Method for Providing High Vacuum Remediation

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